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therefore prayed that Government might be pleased to sanction an increased grant of Rs. 900 for the current year and to continue it until the finances reached a flourishing condition. He requested that, in addition to the above grant, Government might be pleased to sanction a lump grant of Rs. 5,000 to meet urgent requirements.

Mr. P. J. John (Member, Town Improvement Committee, Alleppey) stated that the town of Alleppey was not kept in a neat condition. The town was a big commercial centre and port in the State, and as such many people crowded there for commercial purposes. Therefore, there was every likelihood of its being visited by epidemics and other dis ases, if the town be not constantly kept clean. In order to properly carry out the work of sanitation in the town, more funds were necessary. The Member requested that Government might be pleased to increase the grant to the T. I. C. at Alleppey to enable it to carry on the work of sanitation more systematically and thus keep the town neat and clean.

Dewan's reply.—Government are not prepared to increase the grants already sanctioned. The Committees must work up local taxation to meet their local needs.

44. *Savings after expenditure from the item "Town Funds"*

Mr. Kochu Hassan Kunju (Member, T. I. C., Quilon) requested that the annual savings after expenditure, from the item "Town Fund," might be added to that Fund and made available for the Committee whenever required.

Dewan's reply.—This is done now. Government do not appropriate the unexpended balance of the "Town Fund".

Mr. Krishnan Pandalay (Member, Quilon Taluk) being asked, said that the money was *not* available to the Committee. The Committee had addressed Government on the subject nearly half a dozen times and they were told in reply 'no', of course without assigning reasons.

Dewan.—I shall look up the papers.

45. *Exclusion of qualified Christian Medical men.*

Mr. N. E. Varghese (Member, Travancore and Cochin Christian Association) represented that recently an apppli-cation from a qualified member of the Christian community for employment in the Medical Department was rejected on the ground that too many of his class had already been appointed to the Department and that preference should be given to Ezhavas, Mahomedans and Brahmins. He said that his community were well aware of the non-sectarian spirit of the present administration and it was the recognition of this impartiality that made the spirit of the endorsement the more disappointing to them.

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